

IN THE DRAWINGS

Delete Figure 2 of the drawings without prejudice.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-31 are pending. Claims 11-32 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 8-12 and 20-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,862,284.

The drawings have been objected to. The Examiner has stated that the drawings would introduce new matter inconsistent with the parent application number 08/876,952. The Examiner has urged applicants to delete Figure 2 of the drawings.

Applicants have deleted Figure 2 of the drawings without prejudice. Applicants have also deleted the portions of the specification that discuss Figure 2 of the drawings. Applicants therefore submit that the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

With respect to the rejection of claims 11-32 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, applicants have included with this Amendment an executed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to this application and U.S. Patent No. 6,862,284, which are owned by the same entity. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 11-32 based on obviousness-type double patenting has been overcome.

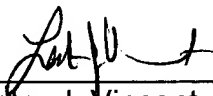
It is respectfully submitted that the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666
for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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